

THE CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION, EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS.

Proceedings.

SENATE.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1824.—Fiftieth day.

The PRESIDENT communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 19th ult. accompanied by two statements, showing the names of those persons, and navy agents who are in arrears to the United States; read, and ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Wm. L. Fisher and others, of Germantown, Pennsylvania, praying that no additional duty be imposed on imported wool; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.—By Mr. LOWRIE.

M. Hoffman and others, auctioneers of the City of New-York, praying that no duty be imposed on sales at auction; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures;—By Mr. KING.

On motion of Mr. KING, of N. Y. Ordered, That the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of New-York, presented on the 9th inst. be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. JACKSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill for the gradual supply of cannon, bombs, and howitzers, for the fortifications, reported the same with amendments, which were read.

The bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Andrew Mitchell, deceased; and the bill to authorize the employing of certain assistants in the General Land Office; were severally read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer, and on motion, postponed to Monday next.

The bill, better to secure the accountability of public officers and others, having been reported by the Committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and the title amended:

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act to secure the accountability of public officers and others."

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt—Mr. RUGGLES in the Chair; laid on the table.

The three bills brought up for concurrence, were severally read, and passed to a second reading.

On motion, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Samuel Brown," was read the second time by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States from foreign hemp—Mr. RUGGLES in the Chair; and, after debate, postponed to Monday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill regulating the transportation of gold and silver bullion, specie and jewels, and carrying of passengers, and to prohibit the receipt of merchandise in the public vessels of the United States—Mr. RUGGLES in the Chair; further consideration thereof postponed to Wednesday next. Adjourned.

Thursday, February 12th, 1824.—Fifty-first day.

The PRESIDENT communicated a report of the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the contracts made by the Commissioners of the Navy, during the year 1823; and the report was read.

The PRESIDENT also communicated a report from the Secre-

ry of the Treasury, transmitting statements of the Commerce and Navigation of the United States, during the year ending 30th September, 1823; and the letter was read.

Mr. KNIGHT reported, from the Committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled, "An act to revive and continue in force, an act, entitled 'An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the Clerks employed in their offices, and of the Librarian.'"

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred on the 22d ult. certain resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, reported a bill to repeal in part, the act, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States;" the bill was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Reuben Colburn, praying the payment of a balance due him, for services and disbursements during the revolutionary war; read, and referred to the Committee of Claims;—By Mr. CHANDLER.

Mr. NOBLE, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Dean Weymouth, reported a bill for his relief, which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Ordered, That Moses Smith have leave to withdraw his petition, presented at the first Session of the 17th Congress.

Mr. NOBLE communicated a resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, requesting the members of Congress from that State, to unite in any effort that may be made to alter the tariff, so as to encourage the manufacturing of domestic fabrics; read, and committed to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Ky. from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Alfred Moore, and Sterling Orgain, made a report, accompanied by a bill for the benefit of Alfred Moore, and Sterling Orgain, assignees of Morris Lenoxy: The report and bill were read, and the bill ordered to a second reading.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. JOHNSON, of Lou. asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill explanatory of an act, entitled, "An act for the confirmation of certain land claims in the Western District of the State of Louisiana, and the Territory of Missouri," passed 29th April, 1816; read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "An act to procure the necessary surveys, plans, and estimates, upon the subject of roads and canals;" read the second time, and referred to the Select Committee on Roads and Canals.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to define the boundary line between the Edwardsville and Springfield Districts, in the State of Illinois," was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion, by Mr. JOHNSON, of Ky. the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, Mr. RUGGLES in the Chair, the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt; and, after debate, on motion, postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be made a military road from Fort St. Philip, on the river Mississippi, to the English Turn, as an auxiliary to the defence of New-Orleans, together with the amendments proposed thereto—Mr. RUGGLES in the chair; the amendments were agreed to, and the bill was reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendments being concurred, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and the election of President and Vice-President of the United States, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Select Committee—Mr. RUGGLES in the chair; on motion, postponed to, and made the order of the day, for Tuesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill for the relief of Amasa Stitson—Mr. RUGGLES in the chair; on motion postponed, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill confirming the claims of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles Parent, to two tracts of land—Mr. RUGGLES in the chair; laid on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill confirming the claim of Peter H. Hobart, and Lewis Judson, to a certain tract of land—Mr. RUGGLES, in the Chair; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and, on the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?" determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, Mr. RUGGLES in the chair, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the laying out and opening certain public roads in Florida; postponed and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The resolution to authorize the purchase of five copies of Lucas' Atlas, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on the Library of Congress; the amendment was agreed to, and the resolution reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in, on the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?" it was determined in the affirmative.

The bill for the relief James Johnson, postponed and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. LLOYD, the bill extending the term of pensions granted to persons disabled, and to the widows and orphans of those who have been slain, or have died in consequence of wounds or casualties received while in the line of their duty on board the private armed ships of the United States, during the late war; ordered to be engrossed and read a third time. *Adjourned.*

Friday, February 13th, 1824.—Fifty-second day.

The following memorials and petitions were presented and referred:

Wm. Drayton and others, a Committee appointed by the citizens of Charleston and its vicinity, setting forth the injustice that would result to the agriculture and commerce of South-Carolina, from an increase of duties on imported articles, and remonstrating against the passage of the bill now before Congress on that subject;—By Mr. HAYNE [Commerce and Manufactures.]

J. S. Bertrand and others, aliens, residing in Louisiana, praying certain modifications in the laws respecting naturalization;—By Mr. JOHNSON, of La. [Judiciary.]

James Ore, stating that he is the head of an Indian family, in Alabama, and that by the treaty with the Cherokee nation, a life estate, in a portion of land was granted to him, with a reversion in fee simple to his children; but upon condition that he reside thereon during life, from which he prays to be released;—By Mr. KELLY. [Public Lands.]

Helden W. Prout, Administrator of Joshua W. Prout, stating that the deceased held a number of discharges of soldiers, with power of attorney to receive their pay, which the administrator cannot obtain without the aid of a law in his favour, and praying relief;—By Mr. KELLY. [Military Affairs.]

Mr. JOHNSON, of La. gave notice, that on Wednesday next, he would ask leave to bring in a bill supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims to land and establishing Land Offices in the district east of the island of New-Orleans, in the State of Louisiana.

Mr. NOBLE communicated the following preamble and resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Indiana:

Whereas, the further extinguishment of Indian title to land within the State of Indiana, would greatly facilitate the intercourse of the whole Western Country, with the Eastern and Middle States, increase in a great degree the population of the Northern section of this State, tend to improve the navigation of our rivers in the interior, and further the grand object of effecting a canal communication between the waters of the Ohio and the Lakes.

Resolved, That our Senators be instructed and our Representatives in Congress requested to use their best exertions to procure an appropriation by Congress, for the purpose of effecting this desirable object, and in all respects to promote the object of this resolution.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, at as early a period as possible, forward to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, accompanied with a request that the same may be laid before Congress for their consideration; which preamble and resolutions were read, and laid on the table.

Mr. BARTON, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to define the boundary line between the Edwardsville and Springfield Land Districts, in the State of Illinois," reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the

consideration of the petition of Conrad Ten Eyck, and that it be referred to the Committee of Foreign Relations.

Ordered, That the petition of John Forbes & Co. and of John M. Allister, be severally recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands, with instructions to report a bill authorizing either John Forbes & Co. or John M. Allister, to institute a suit in the District Court of the United States at Mobile, for the purpose of ascertaining who has the best right to hold the land in question, and to release to the party who may ultimately succeed, whatever right the United States may have in said land.

Mr. TALBOT submitted the following: *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so modifying and changing the 25th section of the Judiciary act of 1789, as to authorize the removal of the causes therein provided for, by either of the parties before trial from the State Court in which any such case may be pending, to the Court of the United States, of original jurisdiction in like cases for final trial and adjudication, instead of the appeal or writ of error, which is allowed by the provisions of the said act, to be taken for the reversal of the judgment or decree of the highest Court of law of the State in which suit may have been pending by the Supreme Court of the United States; ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be made a military road from Fort St. Philip, on the river Mississippi, to the English Turn, as an auxiliary to the defence of New-Orleans, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and the title amended and passed.

The bill confirming the claim of Peter H. Hobart and Lewis Judson, to a tract of land, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and passed.

The bill extending the term of pensions granted to persons disabled, and to the widows and orphans of those who have been slain, or who have died in consequence of wounds or casualties received while in the line of their duty on board the private armed ships of the United States, during the late war, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time and passed.

The resolution, authorizing the purchase of a copy of Lucas' Atlas, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase one copy of Lucas' Universal Atlas, for the use of the Senate.

The bill "to repeal in part the act, entitled 'An act to enable the people of the Alabama Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States,'" the bill "for the relief of Dean Weymouth;" the bill "for the benefit of Alfred Moore and Sterling Orgain, assignees of Morris Linsey;" and the bill "explanatory of an act, entitled 'An act for the confirmation of certain claims to land in the Western District of the State of Louisiana and the Territory of Missouri,'" passed the 29th April, 1816, were severally read the second time; and the last mentioned bill referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, Mr. SMITH, in the chair, the bill "for the relief of Amasa Stetson;" laid on the table.

The bill "for the relief of James Johnson;" laid on the table.

The bill "releasing a certain tract of land to the heirs and legal representatives of John Forbes;" recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill for the relief of Walter S. Chandler, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee of Claims; the amendment was agreed to, and the bill reported to the House amended accordingly; and the amendment being concurred in, on the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?" determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act to repeal in part an act to lessen the compensation for Marshals, Clerks, and Attorneys, in the cases therein mentioned," together with the amendment reported thereto, by the Committee on the Judiciary; laid on the table.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Michael, deceased; no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the security of public money in the hands of Clerks of Courts, Attorneys, and Marshals, and their de-

puties; postponed to, and made the order of the day, for Monday next.

The bill to regulate the surveying of the public and private lands in the Southern part of Alabama; laid on the table. *Adjourned.*

Monday, February 16, 1824.—Fifty-third day.

Mr. HOLMES, of Maine, presented the petition of James B. Fiske, and others, merchants, residing on Penobscot river, praying that, that part of the shores of said river above Orphan Island, may be made a collection district, with Frankfort as the port of entry, at Backsport, Bangor, and Hampden, as ports of delivery; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures. And also, the petition of Moses Atkinson, and others, praying to be remunerated for losses sustained whilst in the Naval service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. FINDLAY presented the memorial of a committee appointed on behalf of the Volunteer Corps of Carlisle Artillery, praying, that the company may be received into the service of the United States for the term of one year, for the purpose of improving themselves in military science; read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others, and ordered to be postponed to Wednesday next, and that the documents accompanying said petition be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of the 13th inst. to instruct the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of modifying the Judiciary act; ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Sarah Easton, and Dorothy Stores; ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of Walter S. Chandler having been reported by the Committee, correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and PASSED.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Michael, deceased," was read the third time, and PASSED.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt: Mr. RUGGLES in the chair; and, after debate, ordered to be postponed to, and made the order of the day for to-morrow. *Adjourned.*

Tuesday, February 17, 1824.—Fifty-fourth day.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Obadiah Jones, made a report, accompanied by a resolution, that "the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

Mr. VAN BUREN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Samuel Brown;" reported it without amendment.

Mr. VAN BUREN, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John S. Stiles, executor of George Stiles, made a report accompanied by the resolution, "that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

Mr. KNIGHT, from the Committee, reported, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Michael, deceased."

Mr. EATON, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of William Venable, and others, reported a bill for the relief of Sarah Venable, and Jane Morgan; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. BELL, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry M. Johnson, made a report accompanied by the resolution, "that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted; report and resolution read.

Mr. RUGGLES submitted for consideration the resolution, "that the Committee on Finance, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for reprinting in one or more volumes, the annual Treasury Reports, which have been made to Congress since the commencement of the Government.

Mr. VAN BUREN presented the petition of John M. S. McKnight, administrator of Charles McKnight, deceased, praying to be paid for services rendered by the deceased in the Medical Department in the Revolutionary war; read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. JOHNSON, of Lou. asked, and ob-

tained leave, to bring in a bill supplementary to the several acts providing for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land in the St. Helena and Jackson Court-house Land Districts; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. KING, of Ala. gave notice, that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill explanatory of an act confirming claims to lots in the town of Mobile.

Mr. SEYMOUR gave notice that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the Government of the Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes."

Mr. JOHNSON, of Ky. gave notice, that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill to change the terms of the District Court of the United States for the Kentucky District.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States, and the election of President and Vice President of the United States; postponed, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, Mr. RUGGLES in the chair, the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt; after debate, postponed to Friday next.

The bill allowing a drawback on the exportation of cordage manufactured in the United States, from foreign hemp; postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The bill to provide for the security of Public Money in the hands of Clerks of Courts, Attorneys, and Marshals, and their Deputies; postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The bill to regulate the surveying of the Public Lands in the southern part of Alabama; the bill being amended and reported to the House accordingly, and the amendment being concurred in, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill for the relief of Thomas F. Riddick, of the State of Missouri; laid on the table.

The bill for the relief of Amasa Stetson. *Adjourned.*

Wednesday, February 18, 1824.—Fifty-fifth day.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Navy, with the annual statement of the appropriations and expenditures for the Naval service for the year 1823, and a paper shewing the expenditures under each head, since the 1st January, 1824, and the unexpended balances of appropriations on the 1st of February, 1824; read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to regulate the surveying of the Public and Private Lands in the southern part of Alabama;" read the third time, and PASSED.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on the Militia, reported a bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform Militia throughout the United States, and providing for the discipline thereof; read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. BARTON, Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Charles Oliver Devizin.

Mr. FINDLAY presented the memorial of Abraham L. Pennock, and others, and of Samuel D. Franks, and others, severally, praying that additional duties may be imposed on imported iron and the manufactures thereof; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. JOHNSON, of Ky. asked, and obtained leave, to bring in a bill to change the terms of the District Court of the United States for the Kentucky District; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. KING, of Ala. from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to provide for the extinguishment of the debt due to the United States by the purchasers of Public Lands; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. KING, of Ala. asked, and obtained leave, to bring in a bill explanatory of an act confirming claims to lots in the town of Mobile; which was twice read by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill "for the relief of Sarah Venable, and Jane Morgan," and the bill "supplementary to the several acts providing for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land in the St. Helena and Jackson Court-house Land Districts, were severally read the second time, and the last mentioned referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ebenezer Oliver, and others; made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Obadiah Jones; postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. ELLIOTT presented the petition of Andrew Low, and others, of Savannah, praying to be released from the payment of certain Custom-house Bonds; read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of John S. Stiles, executor of George Stiles; laid on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Henry M. Johnson; laid on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of reprinting the annual Treasury Reports; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Amasa Stetson, Mr. KING, of Ala. in the chair; and, after debate, *Ordered*, That it be recommitted to the Committee of Claims, with instructions to allow the petitioner interest on moneys advanced, or paid by him for the Government, and his losses on Treasury Notes.

After the consideration of the Executive business. *Adjourned*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[CONTINUED FROM FOLIO 224.]

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing compensation to William Grace, a soldier, who served under General Samuel Hopkins, in the mounted expedition of 1812, for a horse which was shot during said campaign, whilst in actual service.

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing compensation to John Milhland, who served as a sergeant in a company of mounted volunteers, in the fall of 1813, on the expedition commanded by Governor Shelby, for a horse lost by him on said campaign, whilst in actual service of the United States.

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing compensation to John Golliher, a private in a company of mounted volunteers, in the expedition under Governor Shelby, in 1813, for a horse lost by him on said expedition, whilst in the actual service of the United States.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, of Vir. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Hagen's Store, in the county of Preston, in Virginia, to Smithfield, on the Cumberland Road; and also of discontinuing the present route from the above mentioned store to Morgantown, in the county of Monongahata.

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by sundry statements in relation to allowances made to Registers and Receivers of Land Offices, for clerk hire, office rent, &c. laid before the House of Representatives on the 3d of March, 1823, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. RANKIN communicated to the House a letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, from the Secretary of the Treasury, dated March 3d, 1823, containing information in relation to the allowances to Registers and Receivers of Land Offices, for extra clerk hire, &c.; Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, an act, entitled 'An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the Clerks employed in their offices, and of the Librarian,'" was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of Accounts.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time limited for the settlement of private land claims in the Territory of Florida," were read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to procure the necessary plans, estimates, and surveys upon the subject of Roads and Canals.

A motion was made by Mr. RANDOLPH, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; when a motion was made by Mr. SAUNDERS that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Roads and Canals, with instructions to designate such roads and canals of national importance in a commercial or military point of view, or are necessary for the transportation of the public mail, as may be deemed proper and expedient to have surveyed and reported upon; and the question thereon being taken, it was determined in the negative.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present; those who voted in the affirmative, are,

YEAS, 85.—Messrs. Alexander, of Va. Allen, of Mass. Archer, Baylies, Barber, of Conn. P. P. Barbour, Bartlett, Bassett, Bradley, Burleigh, Burton, Cady, Cambreleng, Campbell, of S. C. Cary, Clark, Cobb, Cooke, Collins, Crafts, Craig, Culpeper, Dwinell, Edwards, of N. C. Findlay, Floyd, Foot, of Conn. Foote, of N. Y. Forsyth, Frost, Garnett, Gatlin, Gist, Hall, Harvey, Herrick, Hobart, Hogeboom, Hooks, Jenkins, Kidder, Lathrop, Leftwich, Lincoln, Litchfield, Livermore, Long, Longfellow, M'Coy, Mangum, Mallary, Markley, Matson, Morgan, O'Brien, Plumer, of N. H. Randolph, Reed, Reynolds, Rives, Saunders, Sharpe, Sibley, Arthur Smith, Alexander Smith, Spaight, Sterling, A. Stevenson, Stoddard, Taylor, Ten Eyck, Thompson, of Geo. Tomlinson, Tracy, Tucker, of Va. Tucker, of S. C. Tyson, Van Rensselaer, Van Wyck, Whipple, Whitman, Williams, of Va. Williams, of N. C. Wilson, of S. C. Wood.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

NAYS, 116.—Messrs. Alexander, of Tenn. Allen, of Tenn. Allison, J. S. Barbour, Bartley, Beecher, Blair, Breck, Brent, Brown, Buckner, Campbell, of Ohio, Carter, Cassidy, Condict, Conner, Cook, Crowninshield, Cushman, Cuthbert, Day, Durfee, Dwight, Eaton, Eddy, Edwards, of Penn. Ellis, Farrelly, Forward, Fuller, Garrison, Gazlay, Govan, Gurley, Hamilton, Harris, Hayden, Hemphill, Henry, Herkimer, Holcombe, Houston, Ingham, Isaacs, Jennings, Johnson, of Va. J. T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Kent, Kremer, Lawrence, Lee, Letcher, Little, Livingston, Locke, M'Arthur, M'Duffie, M'Kean, M'Kee, M'Kim, M'Lane, of Del. M'Lane, of Ohio, Martindale, Marvin, Matlack, Mercer, Metcalfe, Miller, Mitchell, of Penn. Mitchell, of Md. Moore, of Ken. Moore, Alab. Neale, Newton, Owen, Patterson, Penn. Patterson, Ohio, Plumer, of Penn. Poinsett, Prince, Rankin, Richards, Rich, Rogers, Ross, Sandford, Scott, Sloan, Wm. Smith, Spence, Standefer, J. Stephenson, Stewart, Storrs, Strong, Swan, Test, Thomson, of Ken. Tod, Trimble, Udree, Vance, of N. C. Vance, of Ohio, Vinton, Warfield, Wayne, Webster, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, Williams, of N. Y. James Wilson, Henry Wilson, Wilson, of Ohio, Woods.

The question was then taken on the motion to postpone, indefinitely, said bill, and was also determined in the negative.

YEAS, 86.—Messrs. Alexander, of Va. Allen, of Mass. Archer, Barber, of Conn. P. P. Barbour, Bartlett, Bassett, Bradley, Buck, Burleigh, Burton, Cady, Cambreleng, Campbell, of S. C. Cary, Clark, Cobb, Collins, Conner, Crafts, Craig, Culpeper, Day, Dwinell, Eaton, Edwards, of N. C. Findlay, Floyd, Foot, of Conn. Foote, of N. Y. Frost, Garnett, Gatlin, Gist, Hall, Harvey, Herrick, Hobart, Hogeboom, Hooks, Jenkins, Kidder, Lathrop, Leftwich, Lincoln, Litchfield, Livermore, Long, Longfellow, M'Coy, Mangum, Mallary, Markley, Matson, Plumer, of N. H. Randolph, Reed, Richards, Rives, Saunders, Sharpe, Sibley, Arthur Smith, Alexander Smyth, Spaight, Sterling, A. Stevenson, Stoddard, Taylor, Ten Eyck, Thompson, of Ga. Tomlinson, Tracy, Tucker, of Va. Tucker, of S. C. Tyson, Van Rensselaer, Van Wyck, Whipple, Whitman, Williams, of N. Y. Williams, of Va. Williams, of N. C. Wilson, of S. C. Wood, Woods, and Wright.

NAYS, 113.—Messrs. Abbot, Alexander, of Tenn. Allen, of Tenn. Allison, Bailey, Baylies, J. S. Barbour, Bartley, Beecher, Blair, Breck, Brent, Brown, Campbell, of Ohio, Carter, Cassidy, Condict, Cook, Crowninshield, Cushman, Cuthbert, Durfee, Dwight, Eddy, Edwards, Penn. Ellis, Farrelly, Forsyth, Forward, Fuller, Garrison, Gazlay, Govan, Gurley, Hamilton, Harris, Hayden, Hemphill, Henry, Herkimer, Holcombe, Houston, Ingham, Isaacs, Jennings, Johnson, Va. J. T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Kent, Kremer, Lawrence, Lee, Letcher, Little, Livingston, Locke, M'Arthur, M'Duffie, M'Kean, M'Kee, M'Kim, M'Lane, Del. M'Lean, Ohio, Martindale, Marvin, Matlack, Mercer, Metcalfe, Miller, Mitchell, Penn. Mitchell, Md. Moore, Ken. Moore, Alab. Neale, Nelson, Newton, Owen, Patterson, of Penn. Patterson, of Ohio, Plumer, of Penn. Poinsett, Prince, Rankin, Reynolds, Rich, Rogers, Ross, Sandford, Scott, Sloan, Wm. Smith, Spence, Standefer, J. Stephenson, Stewart, Storrs, Strong, Swan, Test, Thompson, of Ken. Tod, Trimble, Udree, Vance, of N. C. Vance, of Ohio, Vinton, Warfield, Wayne, Webster, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, James Wilson, Henry Wilson, and Wilson, of Ohio.

A motion was then made by Mr. Foot, of Conn. to amend the said bill, by striking out all thereof after the enacting words, and inserting as follows:

"That, on application of the Legislature of any state or Territory, the President of the United States is hereby authorized to employ such officers of the corps of Engineers as he may think proper to make the necessary surveys, plans, and estimates of such roads and canals as he may deem of national importance in a military point of view, or necessary for the transportation of the public mail within such state or territory, and cause a copy of such surveys, plans and estimates, when completed, to be laid before Congress, and a like copy to be laid before the Legislature of such state or territory."

"Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be allowed and paid to each officer of the Corps of Engineers in addition to the pay now allowed by law, —per day for each day such officer shall be employed under the provision of this act, as a full compensation for such services and extra expenses attending the same; to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: and on the question so to amend the bill, it was determined in the negative."

Mr. REYNOLDS moved to amend the bill by striking out the sum of thirty thousand dollars, (the amount therein appropriated for carrying the same into effect) and inserting twenty thousand dollars.

This motion was also negatived, and the question was then taken "Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?" and passed in the affirmative.

YEAS, 115.—Messrs. Abbot, Alexander, of Tenn. Allen, of Tenn. Allison, Bailey, Baylies, J. S. Barbour, Bartley, Beecher, Blair, Breck, Brent, Brown, Campbell, of Ohio, Carter, Cassidy, Condict, Cook, Crowninshield, Cushman, Cuthbert, Durfee, Dwight, Eddy, Edwards, of Penn. Ellis, Farrelly, Forsyth, Forward, Fuller, Garrison, Gazy, Govan, Gurley, Hamilton, Harris, Hayden, Hemphill, Henry, Herkimer, Holcombe, Houston, Ingham, Isaacs, Jennings, Johnson, of Va. J. T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Kent, Kremer, Lawrence, Lee, Letcher, Little, Livingston, Locke, M'Arthur, M'Duffie, M'Kean, M'Kee, M'Kim, M'Lane, of Del. M'Lean, of Ohio, Martindale, Marvin, Matlack, Mercer, Metcalfe, Miller, Mitchell, Penn. Mitchell, Md. Moore, Ken. Moore, Alab. Neale, Nelson, Newton, Owen, Patterson, of Penn. Patterson, of Ohio, Plumer, Penn. Poinsett, Prince, Rankin, Reynolds, Rich, Rogers, Ross, Sanford, Scott, Sloan, Wm. Smith, Spence, Standefer, J. Stevenson, Stewart, Storrs, Strong, Swan, Test, Thompson, of Ken. Tod, Trimble, Udree, Vance, of N. C. Vance, of Ohio, Vinton, Warfield, Wayne, Webster, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, James Wilson, Henry Wilson, and Wilson, of Ohio.

NAYS, 86.—Messrs. Alexander, of Va. Allen, of Mass. Archer, Barber, of Conn. P. P. Barbour, Bartlett, Bassett, Bradley, Buck, Burleigh, Burton, Cadby, Cambreleng, Campbell, of S. C. Cary, Clark, Cobb, Collins, Conner, Crafts, Craig, Culpeper, Day, Dwinell, Eaton, Edwards, of N. C. Findlay, Floyd, Foot, Conn. Foote, N. Y. Frost, Garnett, Gatlin, Gist, Govan, Hall, Harvey, Herrick, Hobart, Hogeboom, Hooks, Jenkins, Kidder, Lathrop, Lestwich, Lincoln, Litchfield, Lixenmore, Long, Longfellow, M'Coy, Mangum, Mallary, Markley, Matson, Morgan, O'Brien, Plumer, N. H. Randolph, Reed, Richards, Rives, Saunders, Sharpe, Sibley, Arthur Smith, Alexander Smyth, Spaight, Sterling, A. Stevenson, Stoddard, Taylor, Ten Eyck, Thompson, of Ga. Tomlinson, Tracy, Tucker, of S. C. Tyson, Van Rensselaer, Van Wyck, Whipple, Whitman, Williams, of N. Y. Williams, of Va. Williams, of N. C. Wilson, of S. C. and Wood.

To-morrow was then assigned for the third reading of the bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration and particularly a bill to amend the several acts for imposing duties on imports, and had come to no resolution thereon.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Samuel Brown; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. LATHROP reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow. Adjourned.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1824.—Fifty-first day.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Major Henderson, E. B. Gaither, William Scull, William Shattuck, and Landie Richardson, and that they be referred to the Committee of Claims: Also, from the petition of Margaret Stewart. [Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.]

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Captain R. C. Talbot.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Catharine Robertson, late widow of Jacob Ritter, and that it be laid on the table: Also, from the petition of John Rush, and Samuel Conway. [Committee on Private Land Claims.]

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Catharine Lauderman, accompanied by a bill for her relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. LITTLE, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of John Bradford, accompanied by a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Charles Bradford; read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the Whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Catharine Lauderman.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of N. C. from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Hanson Kelly," reported the same without amendment. Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the same committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Jasper Parish; laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration

of the petition of Jonathan S. Smith, and that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. ALLEN, of Mass. from the Committee of Accounts, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, the act, entitled 'An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the Clerks employed in their Offices, and of the Librarian,'" reported the same without amendment. Ordered, to a third reading to-day.

The resolution laid on the table yesterday, by Mr. RANKIN, was taken up, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution laid on the table by Mr. OWEN, yesterday, was taken up, read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. FLOYD laid the following resolution on the table for consideration, to-morrow, viz: Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House, whether the rules and regulations compiled by General Scott, for the government of the army, and repealed by an act of Congress of the 7th of May, 1822, are now enforced in the army, or any part thereof, and by what authority the same has been adopted and enforced.

On motion of Mr. JENNINGS: Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Land Office at Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana.

On motion of Mr. WAYNE: Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing on the pension list, Jacob Verley, of Chester County, in the state of Pennsylvania, a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. FOOT, of N. Y. Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the term of service in the militia of the United States, from forty-five to forty years, (except in cases of invasion or insurrection.)

In pursuance of the notice given yesterday, Mr. THOMPSON, of Ga. moved for leave to introduce a bill, directing the payment of the Georgia militia claims for services rendered during the years 1794, '3 & '4.

The Speaker decided that the said motion was not in order, inasmuch as the subject matter embraced by the bill was already before the House in the shape of a report from the Committee on Military Affairs, made on the 28th ult., which had been committed and made the order of the day for a given day; and that the granting the leave, asked to introduce, this bill would have the effect of bringing the same subject matter into discussion in two different forms, and at two different periods.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act to define the boundary line between the Edwardsville and Springfield Land Districts, in the State of Illinois;" "An act to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Samuel Brown;"

"An act to procure the necessary plans, estimates, and surveys upon the subject of Roads and Canals," were respectively read the third time, and PASSED.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, the act entitled, 'An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the Clerks employed in their Offices, and of the Librarian,'" was read the third time, and PASSED.

The bills from the Senate, entitled "An act to secure the accountability of Public Officers, and others," and "An act authorizing the building of an additional number of Sloops of War, for the naval service of the United States," were respectively read twice, and committed, the first to the Committee of Ways and Means, the second to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the State of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the Chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the State of the Union, generally, under consideration, and particularly a bill to amend the several acts, imposing duties on imports, and had come to no resolution thereon. Adjourned.

Thursday, February 12th, 1824.—Fifty-second day.

Mr. CUSHMAN, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, made a report in relation to the works on said buildings during the last year, and to their present state and condition, accompanied by a bill making appropriations for the public buildings; read twice, and committed to a committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. COOK, from the Committee appointed on the 9th December last, [vol. 58.] on so much of the several acts passed for the admission of Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, into the Union, as sets apart a portion of the money arising from the sale of public lands in those states, for the purpose of constructing roads and canals leading to those states, respectively: to which committee was referred, on the 2d instant, a Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, reported a bill to authorize the laying out, and opening of a road from Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, to the Seat of Government of the State of Missouri; read twice, and committed to a committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act confirming the claims of the heirs of Nicholas Baudin, and the heirs of Joseph Chastang, to certain tracts of land," be committed to a committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The resolution laid on the table by Mr. FLOYD, yesterday, was taken up, read, modified, and agreed to, as follows: Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House whether the rules and regulations compiled by Gen. SCOTT, for the government of the army of the United States, are now enforced in the army or any part thereof; and by what authority the same has been adopted and enforced.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of contracts made by the Commissioners of the Navy, during the year 1823; laid on the table.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by sundry statements showing the commerce and navigation of the United States, during the year ending on the 30th September, 1823; laid on the table.

Ordered, That the reports of the Committee of Claims, on the cases of Lawrence Mase, and Jasper Parish, be respectively committed to a committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The resolution submitted by Mr. ISAACS, on the 12th of January ultimo, [fol. 169,] and ordered to be laid on the table, was taken up, read, and agreed to.

The resolution submitted by Mr. TRACY, on the 30th January, [fol. 197,] and ordered to be laid on the table, was taken up, read, and agreed to.

Mr. LONGFELLOW, by leave of the house, presented a remonstrance and memorial from merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Portland, in the State of Maine, against the passage of any bill having for its object an increase of duties on foreign manufactures upon their importation into the United States, for the purpose of protecting and encouraging domestic manufactures: which memorial and remonstrance was committed to the committee of the whole house on the state of the Union; to which is committed the bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports.

Mr. HENRY, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which the subject was referred, reported a bill to authorize the surveying and making of a road from a point in the north-western boundary of the State of Ohio, near the foot of the rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, to Detroit in the Territory of Michigan; read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole house to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post route from Raleigh, in N. C. to Roxborough, by way of Leasburg to Milton.

On motion of Mr. VAN RENSSLAER, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of devising suitable regulations for the preservation and police of the Capitol and its appurtenances. Mr. VAN RENSSLAER, Mr. MEYER, Mr. FOSBETH, Mr. RICH, and Mr. LATHROP, were appointed said committee.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union: and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, and particularly a bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports, and had come to no resolution thereon. *Adjourned*.

Friday, February 13th, 1824.—Fifty-third day

Mr. PLUMER, of N. H. from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill better to provide for taking evidence in the Courts of the United States, in certain cases. Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavourable report on the petition of William Fleming; laid on the table.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Thos. Williams; read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, from the same Committee, made a report on the petition of George Harlin; accompanied by a bill for his relief; read twice and committed to a committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Thomas Williams.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Abner Pipes; laid on the table.

Mr. CROWNSHIELD, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the building of an additional number of sloops of war for the naval service of the United States," reported the same without amendment. Committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RICH, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Francis Albright; laid on the table.

Mr. RICH, from the same Committee, also made a report on the petition of John Holliday; accompanied by a bill for his relief; which was read twice and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. MATSON, from the same Committee, made a report on the petition of Nathaniel Jones, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which was read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. HENPHILL, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company; read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill providing for the appointment of two Indian Agents, in addition to those already provided for by law, and fixing their compensations; committed to the committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. CUSHMAN: *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a mail route from Winslow through Clinton to Ligonin, in the county of Kennebeck, and state of Maine, and also of so altering the present route from Augusta to Bangor, that the mail may be carried through China to Ligonin Corner, where the two routes will coincide.

On motion of Mr. BRENT: *Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands, be directed to enquire into the expediency of amending an act providing for the examination of land titles in that part of Louisiana, situated between the Rio Hondo and the river Sabine, so as to include all the neutral territory or disputed ground between the United States and the late government of Spain in Mexico, situated in the western part of Louisiana, and to the east of the boundary line established by the treaty of 1819, over which the Land Commissioners of the United States have heretofore exercised no jurisdiction, and to make such other alterations therein as may be deemed expedient.

Resolved, That the same Committee be directed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing by law, the present Land Register at Opelousas, in Louisiana, to finish the business of the Land Office at Opelousas, left in an unfinished state by his predecessor, and that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to make a reasonable allowance therefor.

Mr. Rose submitted the following Resolution: *Resolved*, That the Commit-

tee on the District of Columbia, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the election of a Delegate from said District, to represent the same in the Congress of the United States; read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GARNETT, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Ralph Horne, a Revolutionary soldier, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. MARVIS, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing William Bowen, on the roll of Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. HENRY WILSON, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Fogelsville, in the county of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania, by the new state road through Kleinsville to Hamburg, in the county of Berks, in the same state.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of John W. Bayler, with the accompanying documents.

On motion of Mr. MOORE, of Ala. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of allowing compensation to Zachariah C. Alvis, a private in Captain George Smith's company of mounted Gunmen, in the campaign against the Creek Indians, for a horse which was lost for want of forage.

Ordered, That the Committee on Roads and Canals, be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the city of Boston, and that it be committed to the Committee on Commerce.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the state of the Union, and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, and particularly a bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports, and had come to no resolution thereon.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz: "An act extending the term of pensions granted to persons disabled, and to the widows and orphans of those who have been slain, or who have died in consequence of wounds or casualties while in the line of their duty, on board the private armed ships of the United States, during the late war;" "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be made a Military Road from a point opposite to Fort St. Phillips, to Johnston's plantation, as auxiliary to the defence of New-Orleans;" and "An act confirming the claim of Peter H. Hobart and Lewis Judson, to a certain tract of land," were read the first and second time, and referred; the first, to the Committee of Naval Affairs; second, to the Committee on Military Affairs; third, to the Committee on Private Land Claims. *Adjourned*.

Monday, February 16th, 1824.—Fifty-fourth day.

The following petitions, memorials, &c. were presented and referred.

Sundry inhabitants of the towns of Brooks and Jackson, and a petition of *sundry inhabitants* of the town of Seasmount, in the State of Maine;—By Mr. O'BRIEN.

Sundry inhabitants of Chatauque County, in the State of New-York;—By Mr. TRACY.

Sundry inhabitants of the towns of Rush, Henrietta, Brighton, and the village of Rochester, in the County of Monroe, and State of New-York; also, a petition of *sundry other inhabitants* of the towns of Rush and Henrietta, aforesaid;—By Mr. HAYDEN.

Sundry inhabitants of the towns of White Creek, Saratoga, Milton, Galway, Greenwich, and Easton, in the Counties of Saratoga and Washington, in the State of New-York;—By Mr. TAYLOR.

Sundry inhabitants of the Counties of Gran and Hawkins, in the State of Tennessee;—By Mr. BLAIR: praying, respectively, for the establishment of post routes. Referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

John Blake, of the State of Maine, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension, or some other compensation, for meritorious services rendered in the capacity aforesaid;—By Mr. KIDDER.

J. Wadsworth, of the State of Maine;—By Mr. CUSHMAN.

Moses Smith, of the State of New-York;—By Mr. MARTINDALE.

Ozigen Eaton, of the State of New-York;—by Mr. LITCHFIELD. Praying, respectively, for an increase of their pensions.

Matthue Hairfield, on behalf of himself and the other heirs of James Hairfield, deceased, praying for a grant of the land due for the services of the deceased, as a soldier in the army of the revolution;—By Mr. ALEXANDER, of Virginia.

Pugh Cannon, of the State of Tennessee, praying for a grant of a small tract of land, therein described, as a compensation for various military services rendered in the revolutionary war;—By Mr. SANFORD.

Said petitions severally referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. ALEXANDER SMYTH, *Ordered*, That the petition of Francis Preston, heretofore presented on the 12th of December, 1808, be referred to the same Committee.

Sundry inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, in the County of Plymouth, in Massachusetts;—By Mr. HOBART.

Sundry inhabitants of the County of Luzerne, in the State of Pennsylvania;—By Mr. ELLIS. Praying, respectively, that additional duties may be imposed on iron, and certain manufactures thereof, upon their importation into the United States.

Farmers, Manufacturers, and Mechanics, in Bennington and its vicinity, in the State of Vermont;—By Mr. RICH.

Sundry inhabitants of the County of Alleghany, in the State of Pennsylvania;—By Mr. ALLISON.

Sundry other inhabitants of the said County of Alleghany;—By Mr. FORWARD.

Sundry inhabitants of the City and County of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania;—By Mr. BRECK.

Sundry inhabitants of the County of New-Castle, in the State of Delaware:—By Mr. McLANE, of that state. Praying, respectively, that such measures may be adopted as will afford sufficient encouragement and protection to the manufacturing interest of the country.

A resolution, adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, in favour of granting further protection to domestic manufactures:—By Mr. FISH.

Sundry Manufacturers of twine, in the City of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on twine, on the importation thereof into the United States:—By Mr. BRECK.

Sundry Manufacturers of woollen goods, residing in Germantown and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that no additional duty may be imposed on raw wool, and that additional duties be imposed on woollen goods which may be imported into the United States:—By Mr. HEMPHILL.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee of the whole House, on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports.

Benjamin Hallett, Oliver Holmes, James Lovell, David Crocker, and Ebenezer Bacon, late owners of the schooner Hallett, stating, that while the said vessel was engaged in a codfishing voyage, she was captured by a British cruiser and condemned, and praying to be allowed the same drawback of duty on the salt which was taken out in said vessel, as if she had returned with her cargo to the United States:—By Mr. REED.

John Barnes, Collector of the Customs for the Port of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, praying for an augmentation of his compensation:—By Mr. NEWTON.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce. *Anchorers of the City of New-York, praying that duties may not be laid on sales at auction:*—By Mr. CAMBRELENG.

Sundry Merchants, Traders, and other citizens of Rochester, in the State of New-York, praying that duties may be imposed on certain sales at auction:—By Mr. TAYLOR.

Auctioneers of the City of Philadelphia, praying that auctions may be left upon their present footing:—By Mr. HEMPHILL.

Merchants, Traders, and other citizens of the Borough of Wilmington, in the State of Delaware.

Merchants, Traders, and other citizens of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia. Praying, respectively, that duties may be imposed on certain sales at auction, therein described:—By Mr. ANDREW STEVENSON.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the whole House, on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill laying duties on sales at auction.

Application of Enoch Hidden, of the City of New-York, praying to be employed in making a large number of cannon locks, for the naval service of the United States, having been induced to purchase materials and machinery, and to prepare himself for making said locks, in consequence of a verbal agreement with Commodore Decatur, deceased, when a Naval Commissioner of the United States:—By Mr. CAMBRELENG.

John R. Carter, a Lieutenant in the Navy of the United States, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, as a recruiting officer in the late war with Great Britain, for discounts which he was compelled to pay on Treasury notes, and other depreciated money, furnished him by the government:—By Mr. CAMBRELENG.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

William Eaton, of the City of New-York, stating that Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris stand indebted to him in the sum of five thousand dollars, arising out of their contract to build the Fort, &c. at Dauphin Island, and praying that provision may be made for paying him that sum, in any act which may be passed for the settlement of the claims of the said Farrow and Harris:—By Mr. SHARPE. Laid on the table.

Peter Hallowsay, praying to be allowed some pecuniary reward, for his invention of the shears, and in cutting lath and shingle nails, in the war of the revolution, which invention he permitted to go into general and unrestrained use, without securing to himself any exclusive privilege in the same:—By Mr. HAYDEN.

John Baldy, of the State of Pennsylvania, a Captain in the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed the discount paid by him on a Treasury note for \$1,000, forwarded to him to pay the bounties of men recruited for the army:—By Mr. KREMER.

Amelia Hegins, widow and administratrix of Charles Hegins, deceased, praying to be paid the sum of two thousand dollars, due her late husband, which was paid to a certain Jared Irwin, then a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Pennsylvania, under authority and circumstances not warranted as sufficient to legalize said payment in the opinion of the petitioner:—By Mr. ELLIS.

Richard Trisby, of the State of Maryland, praying compensation for his buildings and other property, at a place called "Fairlee," which were destroyed by the British forces in the late war, because the premises were occupied by militia in the service of the United States:—By Mr. McKIM.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The under-mentioned petitions heretofore presented, were again presented and also referred to the Committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. McLANE, of Del. the petition of Richard Mansfield, presented on the 24th December, 1817.

By Mr. NEALE, the petition of John Chalmers, jun. presented 24th Jan. 1817.

By Mr. RICHARD, of Michigan, the petition of John Mildrum, presented on the 1st April, 1820.

Abraham Morrill, in that State, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained in consequence of the Government's failing to comply with its stipulation of payment upon delivery of a quantity of clothing which he contracted to deliver, and did actually deliver, for the use of the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain:—By Mr. FLEMING.

William Cooke, of the State of Mississippi, praying a grant of 640 acres of land, as a compensation for extraordinary services rendered in the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain:—By Mr. RANKIN. Said petitions referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sundry inhabitants, of the County of Lycoming, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the Court contemplated to be established by the bill now pending before this House, to divide the State of Pennsylvania, into two Judicial Districts, may be holden in the town of Williamsport, in said County:—By Mr. McKIM and Mr. ELLIS, respectively; referred to the Committee of the Whole House, to which the said bill is committed.

Daniel Renner, of the District of Columbia, praying to be allowed an addition sum by way of compensation for a rope-walk and contents, belonging to Renner and Heath, destroyed by the British forces while in Washington, because said rope-walk was employed in manufacturing cordage for the Government of the United States:—By Mr. KENT.

Sundry Landholders, Merchants, and Millers, in Jefferson county, in the State of Virginia, praying that certain alterations therein specified, may be made in the laws relating to the inspection of flour in the town of Alexandria, (D. C.):—By Mr. MERCER [Committee for the District of Columbia.]

John Stone, of Baltimore county, in the State of Maryland, praying to be paid the sum of \$144, which was received in 1814, by the Commissary General of prisoners on the account of the memorialist, and by said Commissary forwarded to him by mail, and which was never received:—By Mr. McKIM. Referred to the Secretary of War, with instructions to report thereon.

J. and A. Nattali, of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, aliens, resident in the United States, praying that an act may be passed specially for their naturalization, for reasons set forth in their petition:—By Mr. McKIM. [Committee on the Judiciary.]

Andrew Low, Robert Isaac, and James McHenry, merchants, under the firm of Andrew Low, & Co of Savannah, (Geo.) praying to be released from the payment of bonds given to secure the payment of duties on certain goods, wares, and merchandise, which were destroyed at the great fire at Savannah, in January, 1820:—By Mr. COBB.

General Assembly of the State of Indiana, asking that an appropriation may be made by Congress, for the purpose of extinguishing the Indian title to lands in the northern part of that State:—By Mr. PRINCE. [Committee of Ways and Means.]

John Johnson, Agent for Indian Affairs, in the State of Ohio, setting forth that in a treaty concluded between the United States and certain Indian tribes, in Sept. 1818, a tract of land of 160 acres in said treaty described, was reserved to the Wyandott tribe of Indians, and that owing to error on the part of the Officers of the United States, said tract has been sold and patented to an individual; that said Indians are willing to take another tract of land of equal quantity, which the petitioner describes, in lieu thereof, and praying a that provision may be made for the conveyance thereof:—By Mr. McLANE, of Ohio.

Morgan Magnus, of the Territory of Arkansas, praying permission to enter at the lowest price a tract of unappropriated land in said Territory for reasons set forth in his petition:—By Mr. CONWAY. Said petitions referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Jonathan Gess, of the State of Indiana, praying for a grant of a small tract of unappropriated public land, as a compensation for services rendered as a soldier in the Revolutionary army:—By Mr. PRINCE. Referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Sundry aliens, residing in the State of Louisiana, praying that the laws upon the subject of naturalization, may be amended that greater facilities may be afforded to foreigners intending to become citizens of the United States:—By Mr. LIVINGSTON. Referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. LIVINGSTON, MORGAN, BARTLETT, DWIGHT, GURLEY, DUFFEE, and BRECK.

William Gray, Jonathan Amory, Thomas C. Amory, & Co. Samuel Pope, jun and John Gray, merchants, and underwriters of Boston, Mass. in relation to the seizure and confiscation by the French Government of vessels and cargoes of the memorialists, at St. Sebastian, and other ports in the north of Spain, in the years 1809, and 1810:—By Mr. WEBSTER. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Ordered, That the petitions of Archibald Gracie, of Daniel Hureham, of William and Nathaniel Hooper, of sundry merchants, underwriters, and insurance companies of Salem, Gloucester, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, upon the subject of the spoliation committed on the commerce of the United States, by authority of the French Government, presented to this House at the present session, be also referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. TUCKER, of Vir. from the Committee to whom the subject was referred, made a detailed report upon the claim of the heirs and representatives of the late Baron de Beaumarchais, of France. *Ordered* to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. LIVINGSTON, *Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire and report whether any, and what, sum is due from the United States to Marigny Dauterive, of the City of New-Orleans, for supplies furnished the army of the United States, and for the services of his negro.

On motion of Mr. LIVERMORE, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Dover through Rochester, Milton, Wakefield, Ossipee, East of the Lake, and Eaton, to Conway, all in the State of New-Hampshire.

Mr. TOMLINSON submitted the following: *Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House whether any measures have been taken to carry into effect the Resolution of Congress, passed June 17th, 1777, directing a monument to be erected to the memory of David Wooster, a Brigadier General in the army of the United States, who fell in defending the liberties of America, and bravely repelling an inroad of the British forces to Danbury in Connecticut, and whether the sum of five hundred dollars appropriated for the purpose of carrying that resolution into execution has ever been paid to the Executive power of the state of Connecticut.

Mr. STOKES submitted the following: *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the

Treasury be directed to transmit to this House, the statements of the affairs of the Bank of the United States, on the 30th day of December, of the years 1822 and 1823.

Mr. WRIGHT submitted the following: *Resolved*, That the President of the United States, be requested to inform this House (if such information may be given without injury to the public,) whether the title of the united brethren for propagating the gospel among the heathen to certain sections of land in Ohio, authorized to be purchased by the act making further appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1823, and for other purposes, passed the 30th of March, 1823, has been purchased for the United States; and, if so, to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the contract of purchase, and of such other papers in his possession (proper to be communicated) relating to the survey and disposition of said lands.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, submitted the following: *Resolved*, That the President of the United States, be requested to present to this House, a statement of the amount of money expended in conformity with the provisions of an act, entitled "An act for the gradual increase of the Navy of the United States, approved the 29th of April, 1816, and of the act to amend said act, approved the 3d March, 1821. Also, the number of vessels built or now on the stocks with their rates, the value of the timber purchased, or for which contracts have been made, and whether sufficient timber has been purchased or contracted for to build the vessels contemplated by the provisions of said acts.

Ordered, That the petition of Jeremiah Elkins, be referred to the Joint-Library Committee.

On motion of Mr. LIVINGSTON: *Resolved*, that the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of rendering the designation of Jurors to serve in the Courts of the United States, in each state conformable at all times to the mode of designating jurors, which may be adopted in the state Courts of such state.

On motion of Mr. HENPHILL: *Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means, be directed to enquire into the expediency of allowing the benefit of drawback on all goods, wares, and merchandize, imported into either of the ports of New-York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore, and transported from any one of the said ports to either of the others, partly by land conveyance and partly by water in the like manner, as if the same were transported coastwise.

On motion of Mr. HOUSTON: *Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing Dempsey Powell pay for two guns impressed during the late war between the United States and Great Britain.

On motion of Mr. TAYLOR: *Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of Congress, entitled "An act further to establish the compensation of officers of the customs, and to alter certain collection districts and for other purposes," so far as the same relates to the compensation of the collectors of the several districts, on the northern frontier of the United States.

A bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Walter S. Chandler and Samuel Ward; read twice, and referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the Whole, Mr. CONDIOT in the chair, on the bill to amend the several acts, imposing duties on imports, but came to no decision thereon. *Adjourned*.

Tuesday, February 17, 1824.—Fifty-fifth day.

Mr. RANKIN, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the 22d January, ult. in relation to the loss of a sum of money by the Receiver of the Land Office at Vandalia, in the state of Illinois, by the robbing of the bank at that place, made a report adverse to granting any relief to the said Receiver, on account of the loss aforesaid; laid on the table.

Mr. RANKIN, from the same Committee, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill of this House, entitled "An act to extend the time limited for the settlement of private land claims in the Territory of Florida," reported the agreement of the Committee to the said amendment, with an amendment; laid on the table.

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill, giving the content and sanction of Congress to a certain act of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida; read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Friday next.

Mr. M'LANE, of Del. from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of J. Ottraman; a bill for the relief of Eliza Van-Syckel; also, a bill for the relief of Benjamin Desobry, which were severally read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow: Mr. M'LANE also made an unfavourable report on the petition of Stephen Jones; which report was laid on the table.

Mr. M'KIM, from the same Committee, reported a bill to extend the right of deposit in public or other storehouses on certain conditions, and with certain privileges to other goods besides wines, teas, and distilled spirits; read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the heirs of Joseph Robertson, deceased, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. FOOT, of Conn. from the Joint Committee for enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined an Enrolled Bill entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Michael, deceased," and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when the SPEAKER signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. CADY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Jonas Duncan, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. A. STEVENSON, by leave of the House, presented a memorial and remonstrance of sundry merchants and others citizens of Richmond and Manchester, against the alteration in the tariff of duties as contemplated by the bill now pending before this House, to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports.

Mr. STRONG, by leave of the House, presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Kinderhook, in the state of New-York, praying that additional duties may be imposed on cotton and woollen goods hereafter imported into the United States, and that heavy duties be imposed on sales by auction of such goods.

Mr. RICHARDS, of N. Y. by leave of the House, presented a memorial from the manufacturers and other inhabitants of the counties of Clinton and Essex, in the state of New-York, praying that further protection and encouragement may be extended to domestic manufactures generally.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports.

The resolutions submitted yesterday by Mr. TOMLINSON, Mr. STORAS, and Mr. WRIGHT, were taken up, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution laid on the table yesterday by Mr. WHITTLESEY was taken up, read, considered and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for holding an extra session of the District and Circuit Courts in the state of Ohio.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. CONDIOT in the chair, and on the bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports, but came to no decision thereon. *Adjourned*.

Wednesday, February 18th, 1824.—Fifty-sixth day.

Mr. BRUCE, by leave of the House, presented a memorial of the delegates from the several towns in the County of Windsor, in the State of Vermont, who met at Woodstock, in said county in January, 1824, praying that additional duties may be imposed on certain foreign manufactures, by way of protection to the domestic industry of the country. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which the subject had been referred by resolution, reported a bill to authorize the legal representatives of the Marquis De Maison Rouge, and those claiming under him, to institute a suit against the United States, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Henry Navingham. Laid on the table.

Mr. M'LANE, of Del. from the Committee on Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Hugh M'Culloch, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. M'LANE, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of George Echelburger and Frederick Echelburger, and of certain distillers in Kings county, State of New-York; reported a bill for the relief of certain distillers in the United States; read the first and second time, and committed to Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. M'LANE, also reported a bill for the relief of John Wilmot; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. M'LANE, from the same Committee, made a report on the petition of David Heim; which was read, and the resolution therein recommended, was agreed to as follows: *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. M'COY, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Robert Strain, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, from the same Committee to which had been re-committed the report on the cases of John King and Henry Lee, made additional reports on the said cases adverse to their allowance; laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAM SMITH, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Margaret White; laid on the table.

Mr. ALLEN, of Ten. from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of John Baker; laid on the table.

Mr. CULPEPPER, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of William W. Hall; also laid on the table.

Mr. HAMILTON from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be made a military road from a point opposite to Fort St. Philip, to Johnston's plantation, as an auxiliary to the defence of New-Orleans," reported the same without amendment; committed to a Committee of the Whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. CASSEY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Lewis Joseph de Beaulieu; laid on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time limited for the settlement of Private Land Claims in the Territory of Florida," and the amendment reported by the Committee on the Public Lands to the said amendments; was read and concurred in, by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. RANKIN, further to amend the said amendments of the Senate, by striking out so much thereof, as proposed to insert a fourth section to the said bill; disagreed to by the House.

And the amendments were then concurred in, amended as aforesaid.

The SPEAKER laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the appropriations and expenditures for the Naval service of the year 1823, showing the expenditures under each head since the first of January, 1824, and the unexpended balances on the first of February, 1824; which letter and statements were laid on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. CONDIOT in the chair, on the bill, to amend the several acts, imposing duties on imports, but came to no decision thereon. *Adjourned*.